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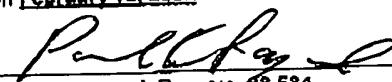
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**FOR: IDENTIFICATION OF GENETIC TARGETS FOR MODULATION BY  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND GENERATION OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR  
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants request that the application be amended as follows.

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph containing the title beginning at page 1, line 1 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--SYSTEM OF COMPONENTS FOR PREPARING OLIGONUCLEOTIDES--